

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action dated June 23, 2008, Applicants have amended the claims and specification and submit the following remarks. Claims 80-85 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-14 and 25-37 remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

Allowance

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's notification of allowability of claims 1-14 and 25-37.

Specification

Without acquiescing to the objection, Applicants have cancelled the portion of the Specification that was added in Applicants' Amendment dated June 4, 2008, per the request of the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 80-85 have been cancelled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3156.

Respectfully submitted,
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